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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2369

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SUBJ: AMBASSADORIAL SUPPORT FLIGHT

1. EMBASSY SEES ARRIVAL OF NEW AMBASSAODR IN NEAR FUTURE AS PROPITIOUS TIME TO ATTEMPT TO GAIN SOVIET APPROVAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGULAR SUPPORT FLIGHT TO EMBASSY FROM WESTERN EUROPE. THOUGH IN PAST SUCH FLIGHTS HAVE ONLY WON APPROVAL WHEN ACTUALLY TRANSPORTING CHIEF OF MISSION, EMBASSY WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO CONVINCE SOVIETS THAT SUCH FLIGHTS, OPERATING ON A REASONABLY REGULAR SCHEDULE, WOULD "SUPPORT" THE AMBASSADOR EVEN WHEN HE PERSONALLY IS NOT ON IT.

2. EMBASSY WOULD USE AS RATIONALE FOR REGULAR AND MORE FREQUENT FLIGHTS INCREASING SCOPE AND CHANGING NATURE OF US-USSR OFFICIAL RELATIONS AND CONSEQUENT NEED FOR MORE SUPPORT AND SUPPORT FACILITIES FOR MUSHROOMING INFLUX OF OFFICIAL AND SEMI-OFFICIAL VISITORS. EMBASSY WOULD POINT OUT THAT ESPECIALLY IN COMING MONTHS NEW COMMERCIAL OFFICE WILL REQUIRE LARGE AMOUNTS OF EQUIPMENT, AND THAT WHEN CONSTRUCTION OF NEW EMBASSY COMPLEX BEGINS ALREADY ESTABLISHED REGULAR SUPPORT FLIGHTS WOULD REDUCE NUMBER OF EMBASSY REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL

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FLIGHTS WHICH WILL BE NECESSARY THROUGHOUT PERIOD OF

CONSTRUCTION.

3. REGULARLY SCHEDULED FLIGHTS WOULD OF COURSE GREATLY EASE EMBASSY OPERATIONS. EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY NEEDS OF EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE IN COMING MONTHS AND YEARS, FOR REASONS REFERRED TO IN PARA TWO, AMONG OTHERS, AND SUCH FLIGHTS WOULD BE MOST EFFICIENT AND IN REAL TERMS MOST INEXPENSIVE METHOD OF GETTING NEEDED ITEMS TO MOSCOW.

4. DAO MOSCOW SUPPORTS REGULAR AND MORE FREQUENT FLIGHTS AND IS WILLING TO ATTEMPT TO SET THEM UP.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S PERMISSION (1) TO ASCERTAIN, THROUGH DAO/AIR ATTACHE CHANNELS, IF USAFE IS ABLE TO PROVIDE FLIGHTS ON APPROXIMATELY BI-MONTHLY SCHEDULES; AND (2) IF SO, TO APPROACH SOVIETS AS OUTLINED PARA TWO. APPROACH COULD BE MADE AFTER APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR BUT PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL, GIVING HIM OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE QUESTION IN APPROPRIATE OFFICES DURING INTRODUCTORY CALLS.

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